

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 43-44, 46, and 55-64 are pending.

Claims 1-42, 45, and 47-54 have been cancelled.

Claims 43 and 46 have been amended. Claim 43 is independent and comprises the limitations of claims 28 and 35. Claims 46 depends upon claim 43.

Claims 55-64 have been added. Claims 55-64 correspond to cancelled claims 29, 31-34, 36-38, and 41-42 and depend upon claim 43.

Support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification, as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter of claims 43-44 if rewritten in an independent form.

Claims 28, 31-42, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Oh et al., US 5,851,778, Ballerstadt et al., Anal. Chimica Acta, 345:203-212 (1997), and Groopman et al., PNAS, 81:7728-31 (1984).

Claims 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Oh et al., Ballerstadt et al., Groopman et al., and Plowman et al., Anal. Chem., 71:4344-52 (1999).

The rejections are not applicable to the claims submitted herewith because claim 43 is not rejected over the cited references and is free of prior art (as indicated by the Examiner on page 18, last paragraph, of the Official Action) and all limitations of claim 43 (and intermediate claim 35) are included in claim 43 filed herewith.

Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn.

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A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.

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